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HARDSHIPS CITED

Though Finance Minister Abbott has emphasized here that decontrol of commercial rentals will still allow prosecutions under wartime leasehold regulations where an increase is deemed to be higher than "reasonable and just" yet members of all three opposition parties in Parliament have cited actual cases of startling examples of threatened boycotts in rentals, ranging from 200 to over 500 per cent. Then again, it is understood here that the Wartime Prices and Trade board will only have the power to prosecute but not adjust individual cases.

FARM REHABILITATION

Agriculture Minister Gardiner has told Parliament that the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act sees for ought and soil drifting area of the prairie provinces, about two thirds of which is in Saskatchewan and one third in Manitoba and Alberta. He also disclosed that expenditures in 1947-48 for such purposes included \$144,033.56 for administration, \$119,766.35 for Manitoba, \$1,249,714.18 for Saskatchewan, \$379,238.26 for Alberta and the total amounted to \$1,883,831.55 compared with a total of \$2,305,528.27 in 1946-47.

SAID IN THE CAPITAL

"This is the reason that I felt that I should inform the party that the time had come that it should choose another leader," said Premier Mackenzie King speaking to delegates of the Canadian Congress of Labor here and leaving no doubt that he plans to step down as leader in favour of a younger man, sometime in August 1948.

"The fact that you have been invited to sit in with official health educators at this time is evidence of our desire to include you in our over all plans and to work out with you a program which we hope will have far reaching benefits," Hon. Paul Martin, Health and Welfare Minister told the Dominion Provincial Health Education Conference held in this Capital.

"I was, I am and I always shall be a believer in democratic government stressed Dr. Frantisek Nemec, Czechoslovakian Minister to Canada, resigning his post but remaining in this country as a private citizen. "So I have resigned."

"The bulk of housing in this country was provided by private enterprise and it will have to come from private enterprise," said W. J. Laclain, secretary-manager of the property Owners Association during an address here.

"We in Britain, however, are looking to Canada and the United States for the solution of the problems that the Arctic creates for military operations," Air Vice Marshall Sir Leslie Brown, Commandant of Britain's land-air warfare school declared.

WEEKLY WIND UP

When the Czechoslovak minister to Canada, Dr. Nemec, found himself suddenly with no home in this overcrowded capital after his resignation following the communist grab of power in his native land, he received a temporary home here from Mrs. Irene Baird, who is director for Public Relations for the Department of Mines, with the former minister and his family moving into the apartment.

An inventory of all well known sources of Canadian metallic and industrial minerals as well as their reserves is now being compiled because of the great strain on the mineral reserves of this continent caused by war, it has been learned here.

A serious warning that Canada's defence forces must not be allowed again to fall into a state of unpreparedness was given here by Rear Admiral Stephens, who retired in 1946.

The greatest asset of Canada is the health of the people, according to Col. Geo. Machum, first chairman of the newly formed Athletic and Recreation Association of the Canadian Legion and president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada with this being stressed by him during an address here.

It may be two or three years yet before the full details of the plans for the development of Ottawa as a national capital are known publicly, it is understood.

Headed by Supreme chief Bernard Commanda, a delegation of the North American Indian Nation came to this capital to attempt getting the lifting of government control by provincial authority of hunting, fishing and trapping for which they claim, provincial governments have never obtained proper authority.

There were 3,700,000 miles or air travel before the chance of death and the research cost of the companies was out of proportion to other charges, though the degree of safety was greater year by year, emphasized Sir William Percival Hildred Director of the International Air Transport Association, during a visit here.



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Stubble Mulch Farming

Tilling the soil in such a way that crop residues are left on the surface is generally called stubble mulch farming. This practice is widely recommended as a soil conservation measure in the dry land areas of Western Canada, particularly where wind erosion has been a menace or may become so again in the future.

Farmers who adopt this type of tillage have to use subsurface equipment which will till the soil thoroughly without completely burying the residue. Recently, machines of the cultivator type, with wider tillage blades coupled to fewer and stronger shanks, have come into prominence. Although stubble mulching is mechanically feasible and desirable for erosion control, it has limitations that tend to restrict its wide adoption.

For many districts of the open plains area however, the advantages of stubble mulch farming greatly outweigh the disadvantages. In the first place, this type of tillage is less costly than most other methods. Furthermore, it is known that soils protected with stubble mulch absorb moisture more readily and retain it longer than do bare soils. When raindrops strike bare soil, the structure of the soil particles may be broken down, forming a compact surface layer which reduces water intake and increases run-off. Undecayed crop residue, well distributed over the surface, will reduce the wind velocity so that soil particles are less likely to move.

From the standpoint of yield there appears to be a definite tendency for stubble mulching to show to advantage under conditions of low rainfall. On the other hand, under humid conditions lower yields may result. Yield reductions of this kind, caused by a lack of available soil nitrates, can be compensated for by applying 25 to 40 pounds of 16-20 ammonium phosphate per acre.

If stubble mulching is to be more widely accepted by prairie farmers, and if more farmers are to be discouraged from burning stubble and straw then more field investigations work is needed to find answers to some of the problems that confront farmers who are now using this practice in Western Canada.

Veterans Insurance

Mayor William Jensen has received a letter recently regarding Veterans Insurance. We quote the letter:

Dear Sir:

We wish to draw your attention to the fact that certain veterans have now no entitlement to contract for Veterans Insurance under the Veterans Insurance Act. These are veterans discharged prior to the 20th of February 1945. Veterans who were discharged after that date, still have entitlement to contract for Veterans Insurance up until three years from the date of their discharge.

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